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Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, this month, Penn State celebrates its 25th anniversary. On behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate them on their rich history of success.

The crew team at Penn State started with humble beginnings in the winter of 1994. While they had no equipment, the team possessed a passion for the sport and a will to do whatever was necessary to make the team successful.

In an example we can all be proud of, Penn State crew's first Schoenbrod was borrowed from Bucknell University, another great institution of higher education in Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District.

Later, through hard work at fundraising by selling concessions at football games, cleaning Beaver Stadium, and selling crew apparel, the team was finally able to purchase its own equipment in the fall of 1995. From there, the program has never looked back.

Penn State crew men's and women's teams have had a proud record of achievement that should make them very proud: sweeping podiums and inspiring a new generation of crew participants from experienced rowers to novices.

Again, Madam Speaker, on behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate Penn State crew on celebrating their 25th anniversary.

PUERTO RICAN ACTION COMMITTEE

(Mr. VAN DREW asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, today, I would like to acknowledge the Puerto Rican Action Committee of southern New Jersey, an organization dedicated to supporting the Hispanic community in our area.

PRAC was originally created in 1971 to promote economic opportunities for agricultural workers and has since expanded its vision to encourage social, cultural, and economic actions that better the lives of Hispanic individuals. The organization has several programs in place to celebrate the vibrant culture of these people and to provide educational opportunity for the surrounding communities.

The PRAC of southern New Jersey has implemented Hispanic culture, arts, heritage, entertainment, and sporting initiatives to bring people together and to foster a sense of good community. Among all Hispanic individuals in south Jersey, community is so important.

The group also offers cultural diversity training programs to local companies in order to encourage a diverse workforce and to open job opportunities for minorities across the entire region.

PRAC has been fundamental in lifting up the Hispanic members of our community, and we thank them for the great work they do to make south Jersey an inclusive and prosperous place.

CONGRATULATING FRISCO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

(Mr. TAYLOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, today, I rise with my fellow Texan, Dr. BURGESS, to congratulate the Frisco Chamber of Commerce on earning a 5-star accreditation from the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Frisco is home to some of the most innovative and booming businesses in Texas and throughout the entire country. Partnering with approximately 1,300 member businesses who represent more than 75,000 employees, the Frisco Chamber of Commerce goes above and beyond to provide the business community with a powerful voice through its advocacy efforts and partnerships.

The Frisco Chamber of Commerce received the highest accreditation awarded by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce as a result of their effective organizational procedures and community involvement.

After earning this accreditation, the Frisco Chamber of Commerce is now among the top 2 percent of chambers in the Nation to receive this prestigious designation.

I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Frisco Chamber of Commerce on this tremendous achievement.

HONORING DAVID MIXNER

(Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend, David Mixner, the legendary civil rights activist, best-selling author, and humanitarian known throughout the world for championing LGBT equality, healthcare, non-violence, and human rights for nearly 60 years.

I had the privilege of working and learning from David, an experience I will never forget, when I worked as White House staff secretary to President Bill Clinton. In the mode of our own JOHN LEWIS, David inspired a generation of us with his pioneering work for equality and documented those struggles in his seminal autobiography, "Stranger Among Friends."

David's leadership and wisdom shaped—indeed, made possible—my career and the careers of so many of us. He taught us to never tire of the fight and to always wage it with love.

From his early work with Harvey Milk defeating discriminatory laws

against LGBT teachers, to demanding real action in funding to combat the AIDS epidemic when our government was failing our community, David changed our Nation for the better. I know I speak for an entire LGBT community and our many allies in thanking David for his decades of activism.

At this very moment, he is giving what may be his final public performance in New York City before beginning his retirement. While I so wish I could be there tonight, my presence here, in this Chamber, in many ways is itself a tribute to David's lifetime of work.

And while the public phase of David's career may be drawing to a close, I know David's words and deeds will live on for many generations to come. He represents the best of America. He is a true patriot and a stranger no more.

U.S. NATIONAL GUARD BIRTHDAY

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, this Friday is the 383rd birthday of the U.S. National Guard. Established in 1636, the National Guard is the oldest military organization in America. Its members served during times of war and emergency to keep American families safe and secure.

This anniversary allows us to come together to honor those who have risked their lives to protect our freedom. These sacrifices show that freedom is not free.

South Carolina is fortunate for the service of Adjutant General Van McCarty appointed by Governor Henry McMaster in the tradition of retiring Adjutant General Bob Livingston.

As a veteran of the Army National Guard and the father of three Army National Guardsmen who have served in Iraq, Egypt, and Afghanistan, I appreciate servicemembers, veterans, and military families. I am grateful for the resolve our servicemembers have to protect American families. I am thankful to celebrate this birthday of the militia filled with brave, self-sacrificing men and women.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

CHEMISTRY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

(Mr. LIPINSKI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, today, the House passed a bipartisan bill that Mr. MOOLENAAR joined me in introducing, H.R. 2051, the Sustainable Chemistry Research and Development Act.

Chemical products are part of our everyday lives, from toothpaste, to shampoo, cosmetics, dish soap, clothing, and